

## From the Program Director

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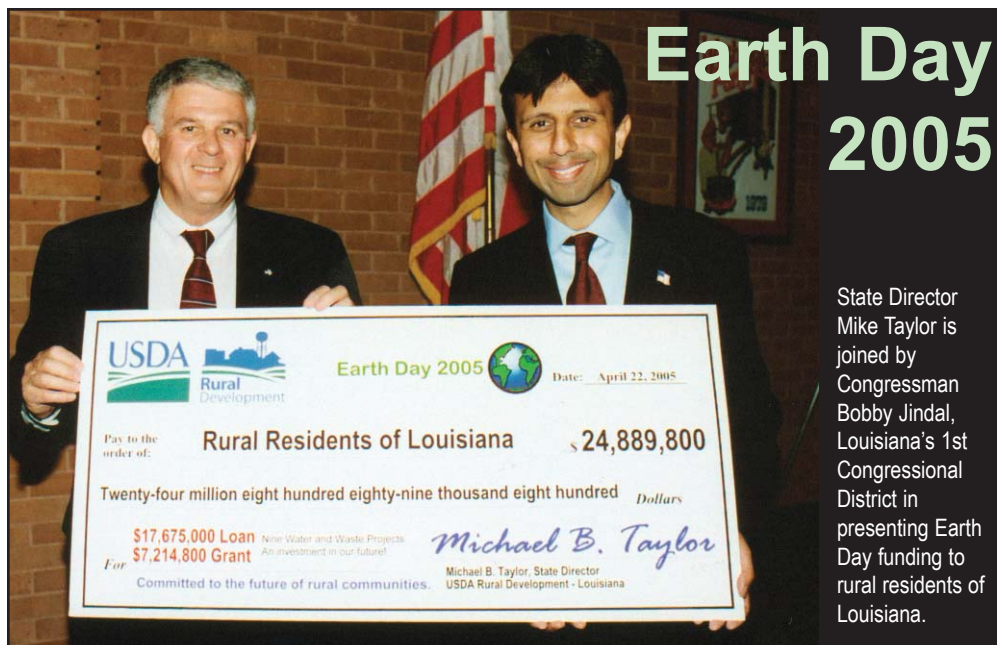
The Community Programs Division of USDA Rural Development administers USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Loan and Grant Programs as well as Community Facilities Loan and Grant Programs. We like to say that we could build a community from the ground up with USDA Rural Development funding.

We believe that rural Americans have a right to the same quality of life enjoyed by people who live in urban areas.

USDA Rural Development has provided critical basic infrastructure to communities in rural Louisiana, enabling residents to enjoy clean, safe drinking water, a healthy environment, and essential community facilities.

Through our new quarterly newsletter, **From the Ground Up**, we will bring you the latest program information and funding opportunities available for USDA Rural Development community programs.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (318) 473-7940 or [danny.magee@la.usda.gov](mailto:danny.magee@la.usda.gov).



State Director Mike Taylor is joined by Congressman Bobby Jindal, Louisiana's 1st Congressional District in presenting Earth Day funding to rural residents of Louisiana.

## Over \$24.8 Million in Funding Awarded in Louisiana

### Earth Day Water and Waste Projects

USDA Rural Development celebrates Earth Day by presenting loan and grant funds to communities across America working to build and modernize water and wastewater disposal systems. This year on Earth Day (April 22, 2005), U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced \$24.8 million in investments in Louisiana for rural water and waste disposal loans and grants.

### Louisiana's 2005 Earth Day projects:

**Village of Delta Sewer**  
\$205,000 Loan, \$100,000 Grant

**Leland Water System**  
\$371,000 Loan, \$239,000 Grant

**Town of Bunkie Sewer**  
\$2,009,000 Loan

**South Grant Water System, Inc.**  
\$1,552,000 Loan

**Town of Kinder Sewer**  
\$4,030,000 Loan, \$2,072,000 Grant

**Vermilion Waterworks District No. 1**  
\$4,572,000 Loan, \$1,814,800 Grant

**City of Jeanerette Water**  
\$1,870,000 Loan, \$2,040,000 Grant

**False River Waterworks Corporation**  
\$1,605,000 Loan

**Town of Franklinton Sewer**  
\$1,461,000 Loan, \$949,000 Grant

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Water Waste Community Facilities

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# Water and Waste Loan and Grant Program

USDA Rural Development provides loans, grants, loan guarantees, technical assistance, and training to qualified public bodies, non-profit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less.

## Funding opportunities include:

- Water and Waste Disposal Loans
- Water and Waste Disposal Grants
- Technical Assistance and Training Grants
- Solid Waste Management Grants
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Rural Water Circuit Rider Technical Assistance
- Revolving Fund Program
- Household Water Well System Program

During Fiscal Year 2004, USDA Rural Development invested \$48.3 million in water and waste projects in Louisiana. These projects included emergency improvements to water systems, construction of new water and sewer systems, and renovations to existing water and sewer systems—as well as a solid waste management grant.

For more information on water and waste loan and grant programs, contact Danny Magee, Community Programs Specialist, (318) 473-7940.



## Address Updates, Questions, and Comments

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## What is Rural?

**Program:** Water and Waste

Disposal Direct Loans and Grants

**Applicants:** Public entities, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations.

**Population:** Unincorporated rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less.

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